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Four years ago, on July 15, 2016, Turkish democracy was faced with a terrorist coup attempt. Fetullah Gülen, a sinister cult leader and his insidious terrorist organization FETÖ, tried to overthrow the legitimate government in Turkey and assassinate its democratically elected leaders.

Years long investigations and judicial processes on the coup attempt have produced countless evidences. Most striking findings displayed that on the night of July 15, the coup plotters were in direct communication with the FETÖ leadership.

What is FETÖ? Who are FETÖ members? What do they want? Let's have a look at this secretive cult. Its leader still lives in Saylorsburg/Pennsylvania in a self-imposed exile. The Turkish requests of extradition from the U.S. have so far not been met. The followers of Gülen believe that he is the "messiah" or "Imam of the universe". Violating any legal, religious or ethical codes is fully legitimate for them to advance their own interests. It is an exceptional terrorist organization based on hypocrisy, concealment and secrecy. For decades, FETÖ members did everything to infiltrate into all critical state organs, such as the police, judiciary, and armed forces in line with the instructions given directly by their leader Fetullah Gülen. Organized in more than 160 countries, they also established international lobbying and networks. They have an ultimate purpose of creating a "golden generation", to take control of Turkey and ultimately as they proclaimed, of the world.

FETÖ is not only a grave threat against Turkey. This is a clandestine structure that has hidden global aspirations. It must be understood that the FETÖ network poses direct threat to all countries where they have presence, including the United States. It conceals its true nature behind a loose network of schools, NGOs promoting interfaith dialogue, lobbyists, media outlets and companies.

This cult operates with more than 180 charter schools in 26 states across the United States, receiving estimated 800 million US Dollars from American

taxpayer's money. This is credible information that a significant amount of this money is funneled back to the cult leadership through various means (i.e. bid rigging, exorbitant lease, H1-B visa fraud). There are also solid indications that the cult members are involved in numerous illegal activities in the US, such as tax evasion, money laundering, tender corruption, embezzlement and visa fraud.

The Gülen followers do not hesitate to infiltrate into any country's state structures and are ready to destroy anybody who would stand in their way. Any investigation about the cases of thousands of people in Turkey who were threatened, blackmailed, wiretapped, imprisoned, bankrupted, and murdered by FETÖ members in the past decades, will help understanding the dark side of this cult. The heinous July 15 coup attempt was their most vicious act; so far.